

REPORT TO: East Lothian Council

MEETING DATE: 11 December 2018

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)

SUBJECT: Statutory Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2018

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform Members of the outcome of the statutory review of polling districts and polling places, as required by the Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013, Part 2, Section 17.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Members are asked to approve the proposed polling scheme for East Lothian Constituency attached as an appendix to this report.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Electoral Registration and Administration Act 2013 required a compulsory review of parliamentary polling districts and places to commence on 1 October 2013 (to be completed within a sixteen month period) and 1 October every following fifth year.
- 3.2 It is a requirement of this legislation that the proposals contained within any review of polling places must be exposed to a statutory public consultation process. Accordingly, stage 1 public notification of the review commenced on 1 October, with representations being invited by 29 October. Documents were placed on East Lothian Council's website via the consultation hub and were available at John Muir House Reception, Brunton Hall, Wallyford Community Centre, George Johnston Centre, Tranent and North Berwick Library. Twitter and Facebook were also used.
- 3.3 The polling places used in support of the UK Parliamentary Election in June 2017 have been the basis for this consultation. **There are no changes to the existing polling places.** Capability Scotland guidelines have been used to assess access at polling places and stations in East

Lothian since 1997 and, together with advice from the Electoral Commission, these provide a helpful and practical means of ensuring that proposed locations are fit for purpose.

- 3.4 A full accessibility assessment is carried out for every polling place prior to each election. This includes consideration of layout and all voter signage. Every polling station is supplied with wheelchair accessible booths, a visual impairment aid and a Braille copy of the ballot paper. Hearing loops are available where required. Polling staff are trained to ensure that the needs of all voters are carefully considered.
- 3.5 As outlined in the Returning Officer's report, there are two areas of new housebuilding in North Berwick, which overlap the polling district for North Berwick EL4E. Small alterations to the two polling district boundaries (Dirleton EL4C and Drem EL4D) have been made to allow these to be included, with the rest of the new build area, in the polling district for North Berwick EL4E.
- 3.6 There is an overlap of a new build area at Dolphingstone, which affects Wallyford and Tranent. **Unfortunately, the polling district boundary here can't be altered to allow the Tranent overlap to be included in the greater new build area of Wallyford ELMN3F. This is because the polling district boundary is also the Scottish Parliamentary boundary, which can't be altered.** However, the boundary between the two polling districts of Tranent has been altered slightly, to allow the affected area to be included in the northern Tranent polling district EL3A . If the boundary was to remain as it was, any electors from the new build area would be obliged to vote at the Loch Centre (EL3B). The Loch Centre is already at capacity as a polling place, therefore, the best option was to change this to Tranent Town Hall (EL3A), which can accommodate extra stations.
- 3.7 Only one representation has been received, which positively endorsed the polling district proposals. Therefore, it is now considered appropriate to finalise the Polling Scheme as proposed.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct policy obligations associated with this report.

5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 An Integrated Impact Assessment has been carried out and no negative impacts have been found.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial - None

6.2 Personnel - None

6.3 Other - None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 Access to background papers can be made available to elected members on request.

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Schedule to the East Lothian Parliamentary Constituency Polling Districts and Designation of Polling Places Scheme

The location of each Polling District by reference to Parliamentary Constituency and Local Government Ward and Polling Place is as follows: -

Parliamentary Constituency: East Lothian
Local Government Ward 1: Musselburgh

Polling District: ELMN1A
Polling Place: Stoneyhill Community Centre
 No.of Stations: 5
 Address: 5 Stoneyhill Farm Road, Musselburgh, EH21 6RN

Polling District: ELMN1B
Polling Place: North Esk Parish Church Hall
 No.of Stations: 3
 Address: Bridge Street, Musselburgh, EH21 6AG

Polling District: ELMN1C
Polling Place: Our Lady of Loretto Church Hall
 No.of Stations: 3
 Address: 17 Newbigging, Musselburgh, EH21 7AJ

Polling District: ELMN1D
Polling Place: Musselburgh East Community Learning Centre
 No.of Stations: 3
 Address: Haddington Road, Musselburgh, EH21 8JJ

Parliamentary Constituency: East Lothian
Local Government Ward 2: Preston, Seton and Gosford

Polling District: EL2A
Polling Place: Pennypit Centre
No.of Stations: 3
Address: Double Dykes, Rope Walk, Prestonpans, EH32 9BN

Polling District: EL2B
Polling Place: Prestonpans Community Centre
No.of Stations: 3
Address: Preston Road, Prestonpans, EH32 9QS

Polling District: EL2C
Polling Place: Port Seton Community Centre
No.of Stations: 4
Address: South Seton Park, Port Seton, EH32 0BQ

Polling District: EL2D
Polling Place: Longniddry Community Centre
No.of Stations: 2
Address: Seton Road, Longniddry, EH32 0LD

Parliamentary Constituency: East Lothian
Local Government Ward 3: Tranent, Wallyford and Macmerry

Polling District: EL3A
Polling Place: **Tranent Town Hall**
No.of Stations: 3
Address: Church Street, Tranent, EH33 1AD

Polling District: EL3B
Polling Place: **Loch Centre**
No.of Stations: 5
Address: off Blawearie Road, Tranent, EH33 2JX

Polling District: EL3C
Polling Place: **Elphinstone Community Centre**
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Main Street, Elphinstone, EH33 2LX

Polling District: EL3D
Polling Place: **Macmerry Village Hall**
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Westbank Road, Macmerry, EH33 1PJ

Polling District: ELMN3E
Polling Place: **Whitecraig Community Centre**
No.of Stations: 1
Address: 44a Whitecraig Crescent, Whitecraig, EH21 8NG

Polling District: ELMN3F
Polling Place: **Wallyford Community Centre**
No.of Stations: 2
Address: Albert Place, Wallyford, EH21 8LE

Parliamentary Constituency: East Lothian
Local Government Ward 4: North Berwick Coastal

Polling District: EL4A
Polling Place: **The Stables**
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Main Street, Aberlady, EH32 0RB

Polling District: EL4B
Polling Place: **Gullane Community Association Hall**
No.of Stations: 2
Address: Hall Crescent, Gullane, EH31 2HA

Polling District: EL4C
Polling Place: **Dirleton Church Hall**
No.of Stations: 1
Address: 5d Manse Road, Dirleton, EH39 5EL

Polling District: EL4D
Polling Place: **Fenton Barns**
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Fenton Barns, EH39 5 BW

Polling District: EL4E
Polling Place: **North Berwick Sports Centre**
No.of Stations: 5
Address: Grange Road, North Berwick, EH39 4QS

Polling District: EL4F
Polling Place: **St Mary's Parish Church Hall**
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Whitekirk, EH42 1XS

Parliamentary Constituency: East Lothian
Local Government Ward 5: Haddington and Lammermuir

Polling District: EL5A
Polling Place: **Humbie Village Hall**
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Humbie, EH36 5PJ

Polling District: EL5B
Polling Place: **Fletcher Hall**
No.of Stations: 1
Address: East Saltoun, EH34 5DX

Polling District: EL5C
Polling Place: **Bolton Village Hall**
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Under Bolton, EH41 4HL

Polling District: EL5D
Polling Place: **Aubigny Sports Centre**
No.of Stations: 7
Address: Mill Wynd, Haddington, EH41 4DB

Polling District: EL5E
Polling Place: **Athelstaneford Village Hall**
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Main Street, Athelstaneford, EH39 5BE

Polling District: EL5F
Polling Place: **Morham Village Hall**
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Morham, EH41 4LQ

Polling District: EL5G
Polling Place: **Gifford Village Hall**
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Gifford, EH41 4QP

Polling District: EL5H
Polling Place: **Garvald Village Hall**
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Garvald, EH41 4LN

Polling District: EL5I
Polling Place: **Ormiston Community Centre**
No.of Stations: 2
Address: George Street, Ormiston, EH35 5JB

Polling District: EL5J
Polling Place: **Trevelyan Hall**
No.of Stations: 2
Address: 9 Wester Pencaitland, Pencaitland, EH34 5HA

Parliamentary Constituency: East Lothian
Local Government Ward 6: Dunbar and East Linton

Polling District: EL6A
Polling Place: Allison Cargill House
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Whittinghame, EH41 4QA

Polling District: EL6B
Polling Place: East Linton Community Association Hall
No.of Stations: 2
Address: 73 High Street, East Linton, EH40 3BQ

Polling District: EL6C
Polling Place: Tynninghame Village Hall
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Tynninghame, EH42 1XL

Polling District: EL6D
Polling Place: Stenton Village Hall
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Stenton, EH42 1TE

Polling District: EL6E
Polling Place: West Barns Bowling Club
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Edinburgh Road, West Barns, EH42 1UH

Polling District: EL6F
Polling Place: Bleachingfield Centre
No.of Stations: 6
Address: Countess Crescent, Dunbar, EH42 1DX

Polling District: EL6G
Polling Place: Spott Community Centre
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Spott, EH42 1RJ

Polling District: EL6H
Polling Place: Innerwick Village Hall
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Innerwick, EH42 1SE

Polling District: EL6I
Polling Place: Oldhamstocks Village Hall
No.of Stations: 1
Address: Oldhamstocks, TD13 5XN